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est Farm at Sharon. This list includes such of the less widely distributed species as *Polystichum Braunii*, *Athyrium angustifolium*, *Dryopteris Goldiana*, *Camptosorus* and *Cryptogramma Stelleri*, but like most local lists from the east side of the Green Mountains so far south, lacks the strongly lime-loving *Asplenium Ruta-muraria* and *Pellaea*.

Rev. C. S. Lewis sends a list of 35 species collected by him and his son, Mr. W. F. Lewis, in Manchester, Vt. This leaves Willoughby, Dorset and Manchester tied for first place and should lend excitement to fern collecting in these localities. The Dorset and Manchester lists are precisely alike, with one notable exception. Dorset has *Woodsia ilvensis* which the Messrs. Lewis failed to find; but they more than made up for it by discovering *Woodsia glabella* in considerable quantity on Mt. Equinox. This is a noteworthy extension of range for the species, the southernmost stations previously known being, so far as the editors are aware, Mt. Horrid in Rochester and Queechee Gulf in Hartford, Vt.

American Fern Society

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1919.

The reports of officers for 1919 already published have shown so completely the essential facts as to the activities of the Society during the past year that there is very little for the President to add, beyond an expression of appreciation of the generous and courteous support which has been extended by the members at all times and a brief review of our present financial situation, which undoubtedly calls for prompt remedy.

The problem of finance is, indeed, not an unusual one nowadays, either to individuals or to societies, and is a special cause of concern to those organizations which,

like our own, maintain as their chief form of activity a Journal for the advancement of their special field of study. In our own Society, the strictest economy having been practiced before, the question becomes one either of reduction in printing or of securing additional funds. Curtailment is possible in three ways: by decreasing the edition of the JOURNAL, by issuing fewer pages per number, and by omitting free illustrations. For several reasons the first method suggested is undesirable; in particular, it would result in uneven sets, which would be especially unfortunate in meeting the steady demands of the larger new membership which we expect eventually to have. As to issuing smaller numbers: Although the budget for 1920 as agreed upon contemplated publishing two 32-page numbers and two others of smaller size, if necessary, the council has hesitated to put this plan into operation, preferring to draw upon the reserve emergency fund for making up any deficit which might be incurred by the publication of four 32-page numbers, in the belief that under the present unusual conditions a more legitimate use for a part of this fund could not be found. The third suggested means of reducing expenses, by eliminating free illustrations, has been adhered to with a considerable resultant saving.

Nevertheless the day of reckoning has merely been deferred, since the emergency fund is not a large one and in any case ought not to be exhausted. Although not indispensable, illustrations are an extremely desirable feature of the JOURNAL and should be continued, the expenses being borne partly by the JOURNAL; and in other respects the JOURNAL should be continued very much as at the present time, certainly in an edition of the present size and with the present number of pages. There should be no backward steps.

Equally true it is that the costs of printing have mounted greatly, with no immediate reduction in pros-

pect, and that more money is needed if we are to continue as in the past. The necessary increase in funds might be had from an increased membership, and active new steps are, in fact, being taken just now toward bringing in new members; but income from this source will not be sufficiently large in amount or be available promptly enough to lessen the obligation of adopting some other plan. For the present, therefore, the only equitable way of maintaining the JOURNAL as it is appears to be a fifty per cent increase in the individual membership dues of our organization. We have the distinction of having held out against this solution longer than most organizations, under similar circumstances; and that this action has not been urgently required earlier is due chiefly to the efficient and disinterested services of our Treasurer and Editors and to the fact that our printers, to their distinct disadvantage, until late in 1919 held to the schedule of prices adopted in 1911. The increase in total revenues now suggested means only a small sum to the individual member, and it is hoped that the associations which the members have formed by correspondence and acquaintanceship within the Society, their deep interest in fern study itself, and their pride in helping maintain at its present level an extremely well edited JOURNAL, will be sufficient to win support for the suggested change.

Under the revised constitution of 1914 the amount of dues is fixed at \$1.00, and the method of bringing about amendments to the constitution is definitely provided. Ballots covering the proposed amendments to Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Article 3 will therefore be submitted to the members by the Secretary, for vote, with the notice of the next annual election. A further amendment (Section 5 of the same Article) relates to the increase of life membership payment from \$15 to \$25. This change is quite as necessary as that in the annual dues, since the

life membership dues are deposited in a special fund, only the interest of which is expendable.

WILLIAM R. MAXON, *President*.

President Maxon has appointed the following committee to nominate officers for 1921: Dr. S. F. Blake, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., Chairman, Mrs. Nellie F. Flynn and C. H. Knowlton.

The editors wish to acknowledge with gratitude, gifts for illustrations from Miss Marshall and Dr. H. D. House. They are also too much pleased with a compliment to the officers which one member has been good and encouraging enough to send in, to keep it to themselves. Here it is: "I am always pleased with the Fern Journal and think the officers of the Society produce the most with the least money of any organization on earth."

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